

COMMISSION HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS ☐

DATE August 11, 2005

MOTOR CARRIER MATTERS ☐

DOCKET NO. 2005-188-C

UTILITIES MATTERS ☒

ORDER NO. N/A-

HEARING OFFICER: Joseph Melchers *JMM*

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Petition of MCI metro Access Transmission Services, LLC for Arbitration of Certain Terms and Conditions of Proposed Agreement with Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Concerning Interconnection and Resale under the Telecommunications Act of 1996

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Joint Motion Regarding Procedure and Revised Schedule of the Commission

HEARING OFFICER ACTION:

A) Section A of the parties' joint filing, entitled Motion to Extend the Timeframe for Resolving the Unresolved Issues, is granted, and the deadline for resolving the issues is therefore extended until January 11, 2006.

B) Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Section B of the parties' joint filing, entitled Motion to Adopt Modified Procedure for Conduct of Hearing, are granted as set out in the joint motion. However, the order of examination of the witnesses proposed in Paragraphs 3 and 4 is to be modified as follows: Following the ORS' cross-examination, the witness will be subject to cross-examination by the remaining party and then will be subject to questions from the Commission.

C) The Arbitration Hearing in this Docket shall begin at **10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2005**, in the Commission Hearing Room. Twenty-five (25) copies of the direct testimony and exhibits of MCI shall be prefiled on **August 11, 2005**. Twenty-five (25) copies of the direct testimony and exhibits of Horry and the direct testimony and exhibits of the ORS shall be prefiled on or before **September 2, 2005**. Further, twenty-five (25) copies of the rebuttal testimony and exhibits of MCI shall be prefiled on or before **September 16, 2005**, and twenty-five (25) copies of the surrebuttal testimony and exhibits of Horry and the ORS shall be prefiled on or before **September 23, 2005**. No prehearing briefs and/or proposed orders will be required prior to the hearing. The parties shall file a Joint Issues Matrix on or before **September 30, 2005**. Subsequent to the hearing, the parties will file Post-Hearing Briefs and Proposed Orders 30 days following the date the transcript of the hearing is made available.